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New Community Building

Plans Nearing Completion

Two Substantial Donations Given Toward the Building Fund at Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Donations for the Community Building are commencing to come in and while the campaign to raise funds for the proposed new building has not officially started, Maude Fox and her finance committee will willingly accept all offers of help.

Two good sized donations for the community building which is to be built on the site donated to the town by the Joshua Tree Land Company, Donald B. Ayres, President, were handed over to the finance chairman, Maude Fox, at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last Saturday night.

The Joshua Tree Townsite Company, $100.00.

The Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, $100.00.

The Joshua Tree Woman's Club had already contributed $100.00 towards the building.

Frank Cook, Chairman of the Joshua Tree Community Association, made the statement at the meeing that plans were about complete and that as soon as Fred Moninger completed the minor additions everything would be in readiness to go ahead with the work. The main plans have already been approved.

The need for the building is acute. The town continues to grow. There is no place large enough to hold any group meetings as was evidenced last Saturday night. The Crane building which has a very large floor space was filled almost to capacity. It is impossible for any of the organizations to plan entertainments as there is no place adequate to house the people.

The day the first ground is broken for the new Community building will be one of rejoicing. It is to be hoped that when that day arrives every citizen and property owner will be civic minded enough to do their part in providing the necessary labor and funds to carry the work through to completion.

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wish to be a candidate for re-election. This year, then, would be an ideal time for the citizens to get together and work for the election of one of our own residents to fill the vacancy.

The Chamber of Commerce is very grateful to Jack and Mildred Crane for offering their building for this meeting. They realize that it is no small job to clear off the counters and tables in order to make room for so many people.

JUST THINK — "We are not what we think we are, but what we THINK, we are."

Women's Club Meets at 1:30 This Afternoon

The Joshua Tree Women's Club will meet this afternoon at an earlier hour than usual. There are so many things planned for the meeting that it was necessary to set the time ahead. The program will be in keeping with St. Patrick's day. Rev. P. J. O'Dowd of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 29 Palms will give a talk on "Ireland." A musical program of Irish songs will be given by Larry Gray.

The meeting will open at 1:30 with the music and talk. The business meeting will follow after which a party has been planned in honor of the expected visit of the stork to the Sullivan family.

It looks like quite a big day for the Women's Club.

Emporium Does Record Business

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wood reported business on their opening day last Saturday.

Woody (as he likes to be called) stated that they were more than pleased with the way people turned out to celebrate their opening and that both he and Jo wanted to express their appreciation to all their customers and newly made friends for their cooperation and help in their new enterprise here.

Mrs. Wood went in to Los Angeles Monday to replenish the stock. They plan to make weekly trips and will always try to have new merchandise to offer. Naturally, they are handicapped by lack of material on the market, but they will add to their stock as the market permits.

IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Joe Kasal wishes to express her thanks to all her Joshua Tree friends who were so kind to her during her recent bereavement.

All Electric Homes

A. E. Martois is building an all electric home which is nearing completion. He has been fortunate in getting all the necessary equipment and when the building is completed and the juice turned on he believes he will have the first entirely electric home in Joshua Tree. We understand that the BELOW store and home is also to be electrically equipped throughout.

Mr. Martois was very lavish in his praise of our town. To use his own words we quote "Joshua Tree will be the Play Paradise of the Pacific Coast."

READING PUBLIC

There's a daily newspaper sold for every three Americans, including babies who can't read, the new Ayer Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals for 1946 announces.

With California's soaring population leading the way in newspaper reading, the total National daily paper circulation is 48,757,110—a record. Weekly newspapers have matched the daily pace to hit a new circulation high—despite the handicaps of newsprint shortages and curtailed space.

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Guardian of Mitchell's Cavern Visits Joshua Tree

Jack Mitchell of Mitchell's Caverns and Mr. Seaman were here last Monday. They called at the Townsite Office and Chas. Mitchell (no relation) took them around. It was Jack Mitchell's first visit to Joshua Tree. He subscribed to the JOURNAL and was interested in seeing the town he had heard and read so much about.

Mitchell's Caverns are located on the eastern slope of the Providence mountains near the ghost town of Providence and the old Bonanza King silver and lead mine.

It was during the time Mr. Mitchell was interested in mining that he acquired the caverns. He gave little thought to them until he realized they were being destroyed by vandals, who were carrying off crystals for souvenirs. He decided to protect them from further destruction.

About 16 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell worked together to carry the stone to build their home and practically all the income from the caverns has been used for the improvement of roads and trails so that visitors may reach the caves and enjoy their beauty. It is thought that the caves were at one time the homes of the Chemchueri Indians.

The caverns are about 22 miles from Essex and easily reached by automobile. Visitors are always welcome so long as they go only to visit and not destroy.

Time to Register

Registration for the primary election closes April 25th — and both major parties are preparing the hottest get-all-voters-qualified crusade in California's lusty political history. Major objective is the half-million newcomer citizens qualified to register because they've been in the State a year, the county 90 days, the precinct 40 days. Old-timers, who needn't re-register if they voted at the last general election, lined up in '44 as follows:

Democrats, 2,418,965; Republicans, 1,548,395; Prohibition, 7101; Miscellaneous, 8829; Declined to State, 158,041. They added up to 4,141,331—a total certain to be far surpassed in this year's ballot battle.

Regular Church Service Started

The Joshua Chapel continues to grow both in attendance and enthusiasm.

Last Sunday they started holding a service which conformed more to the regulation service than heretofore.

When the group, which was sponsored by the Woman's Club started, it was more in the nature of a Song Service. The attendance grew, children came to the Sunday School and the need for a regular Church Organization was realized.

A meeting was held at Milo T. Crane's home and officers elected. They now hold regular weekly meetings to outline plans for the future. They have approached Chester R. Bunker, President of the Townsite Company, about land upon which to build a church. Mr. Bunker has promised to cooperate and as soon as the organization is properly recorded and ready to accept a deed for the property, building will start.

The Joshua Tree Community Association held a special meeting and voted to release a portion of the park property which had been deeded to them for use of the Church.

NEW TRAILER COURT OPEN

E. A. Baldwin and H. E. Wilson announce the opening of the trailer court. According to Mr. Baldwin they are ready to accommodate 15 trailers and in about 10 days will be able to increase the number.

In connection with the court there is a large community building of three rooms which are given over to shower baths for men and women and a laundry room. Mr. Baldwin has planted many trees which should provide shade and privacy in a few years as well as beautifying the court.

The plot of ground is 100x300 feet and when everything is completed it is believed that it will be a very modern trailer camp in every respect.

County School Superintendent Speaks at C. of C. Meeting

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting last Saturday night at the Crane Building. Eighty-seven members and guests were in attendance.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Milo W. Crane, presided. At the close of the business the speaker of the evening, C. Burton Thrall, County Superintendent of Schools, was introduced.

Mr. Thrall outlined in detail what could be expected of the school department in the near future so far as having a school in Joshua Tree was concerned. The first requirement was the proper amount of land upon which to build and Mr. Crane explained that the President, Chester R. Bunker, had assured the committee, appointed by the Chamber to look into the matter, that the land would be furnished free of charge whenever necessary.

Two ways to raise the money for building are open. One by a bond issue for 5 per cent of assessed valuation. The second by raising the tax rate.

Mr. Thrall enlarged upon the requirements and advised the procuring of the site as early as possible so that the details could be ready when the funds for building were available. He urged cooperation with 29 Palms in securing the necessary building and teachers for the Junior High and High School grades, thus leaving any funds, which might be available for use here in building, for the Primary grades. This is without doubt, more important if a choice between the two must be made. The older pupils are better able to travel to school by bus than the younger ones.

The meeting was thrown open to questions and the committee which had been appointed to investigate the school situation took advantage of the offer and plied him with questions.

Mr. Thrall explained that the best procedure was to get in touch with the trustees of the Morongo School District of which we are a part. At present there is no represenative from Joshua Tree on that Board.

In answer to Mrs. Milo W. Crane, who was spokesman for the committee, regarding the term of office and election date for new trustees, Mr. Thrall stated there was an election held each year and that he had been given to understand that W. E. Ketchum whose term expires this year does not

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Member from Joshua Tree Needed on School Board

The time has come when it is of utmost importance for the people of Joshua Tree to enter into politics.

We had hoped to let very little news of this nature enter our paper but there must always be exceptions in order to prove the rule. When it becomes an issue of vital importance to the Community, then it seems wise to bring it before the people.

Members of the school board are elected for a term of three years with one member being elected each year. The next election will be on May 17th at which time the term of W. E. Ketchum expires. It is our understanding that Mr. Ketchum does not care to run again. We can hardly blame him. The office is not an enviable one as it entails much hard work, no pay and very little, if any, thanks. BUT IT IS A VERY NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT JOB.

Any community that has children going to school is, or should be, interested in the activities of the Board of Education. Any representative, regardless of how fair minded he may be, will naturally look out for the interests of his own community. It is for this reason Joshua Tree should have representation.

The time has come when we must select a candidate to run for the office. Selection should be someone who has the time to devote to the work and who is vitally interested in seeing that everything possible is done to further the interests of our own children in the matter of education. The representative should be a fair minded person, possibly one with children of school age, a person capable of taking a long view, a person of vision, as well as practical experience. When such a person has been chosen let us all get back of him, or her and do some campaigning. Let us come to the front 100 per cent just as we do in every other project here. If we do this there should be little doubt about electing a Joshua Tree man or woman as a member of the School Board to serve in this district.

Know Your Neighbor

John Joseph McGee was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has lived there most of his life. He graduated from the Cincinnati High School, had two years of business training and went to night school at the University of Cincinnati where he studied Factory Management.

When he was a very small boy he used to delight in following the lamplighters around on their nightly duties. It was his greatest ambition, at that time, to do that sort of work when he grew up. As we can well guess, that ambition was never realized for before the time came for him to work there was no more need of lamplighters. He also probably changed his mind as children so often do.

One of his dreams was to get away from Ohio and get out to California but it was not until February 6, 1945, that this dream came true. He visited around until September 30th when he came out to Joshua Tree. He was so enthusiastic over the desert that he decided he had at last found the place he wanted to anchor. He purchased property and then went back to Ohio to sever all connections there and return to Joshua Tree to live.

Four years ago last February 21 he and Matilda Rothenback, were married. Mrs. McGee is also from Cincinnati. Her folks own a chain of flower shops throughout northern Kentucky and Ohio and it is probably due to her home environment that she is so interested in gardening. At present Mr. McGee is interested in getting the house built and she is busy with the planting and landscaping.

Mr. McGee is employed in the Townsite office here. His hobbies are sports of all kinds, especially baseball; also the collecting and decorating of sea shells. At one time he managed semi-pro baseball clubs and has won 4 championships.

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Desert Flora and Fauna

The Kangaroo rats (Dipodomys) are small nocturnal animals that have been referred to, at times, as little "Gnomes of the Desert." They acquired this name because they so nearly resemble these tiny creatures when they go hopping around at night. They travel in an upright position using their back legs which are very strong and their hind feet which are large in proportion to their bodies. They use their fore feet much as we do our hands.

The Dipodomys are smooth furred little animals, their fur taking on an almost satin finish when seen in the dim light. They come out of hiding right after the sun sets and are seldom seen in the daytime. They live in colonies sometimes burrowing a few inches below ground and at other times near sand drifts.

On each cheek they have a tiny pouch which holds about a half a tablespoonful but even this small amount is sufficient to provide food for a whole day. In filling their pouches they use their front feet and work with such speed that the grain seems to magically disappear only evidenced by rattling sound as the grains hit each other while being scooped up.

Very little information seems available regarding the Dipodomys, probably because of the nickname Kangaroo rat. They are true rodents as they have the two incisor teeth separated from the molars which is one of the distinguishing marks. However, many other rodents such as the squirrel and beaver have claimed much attention but then, they never were tagged with the name "Rat."

Frank Stephens in his "California Mammals" classifies them as Di-pod'-o-mys (o-mis) N. from Gr. dispous, dipodoo, two footed family.

If you have patience and are very quiet you may be able to see these attractive little animals on some of their nightly carnivals.

They hop much as a kangaroo does, swinging their long tails which are twice as long as their bodies. They scare easily and will scamper out of sight at the slightest noise. They are really beautiful and can be seen in our own vicinity. In fact some have been seen by some of our residents They consume a great quantity of weed seeds which more than makes up for any damage they may do.

EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

Our readers have shown a great deal of interest in the number of buildings already here, or under construction. This information is not too easy to obtain as so many people are building their own homes that new ones seem to spring up overnight.

However, we will do our best to see what can be done about giving you this information and we will try to keep you informed from time to time about the progress of the buildings under construction.

Tom Henning, builder, who is working on several buildings at the present time gave us the following information which may be of interest to you all:

BELOW—Building complete with exception of cabinets.

NORMAN PAYNE — Home well under way and ready for the roof.

MRS. NELLIE GREEN'S Health Food Store—Floor in.

COL. AND MRS. MOORE'S Rental Units — Floor laid in first unit. There are to be 7 units in all.

Home of Mrs. Elizabeth L. Burrell, Maud R. Dudman and Grace De Harah—About 10 days more before completion.

Mr. Henning has several other jobs to start on as soon as he can find the time, labor, and materials.

Up to date there are 146 buildings either completed or under construction.

ENTERTAINS RELATIVES

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook entertained Mrs. W. E. McConnell, an aunt of Mrs. Cook's, also two cousins, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McConnell from Los Angeles.

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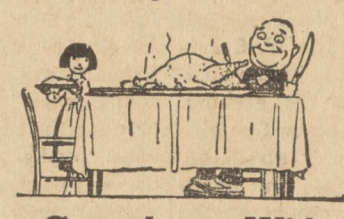
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7:30 Thursday evenings, prayer meeting.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES
Last Sunday of each month in Little Church of the Desert.
Vesper Services, 4:30.

TUBERCULOSIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Executive Committee of the San Bernardino County Tuberculosis Association met at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, February 28, in the office of the Chamber of Commerce, San Bernardino.

Dr. J. J. Smith, President presided. Others present were Mrs. Max A. Crammer, Dr. C. Norman Abbott, Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Mr. John H. Milor, Mr. R. D. McCook, Mr. J. Clifford Lee, Mrs. Earl E. Berry, Miss Bertha Schwarzwselder, and Mrs. Bertha V. Peterson, Executive Secretary of the Association.

Dr. C. Norman Abbott, chairman of the Case-finding Committee, gave a committee report recommending that the X-ray projects be concentrated principally upon industrial organizations.

Mrs. Bertha Peterson stated that the death rate from tuberculosis in San Bernardino County increased during the past year. One hundred and forty-one people died of tuberculosis in San Bernardino County during 1945. In 1944 there were 129. This was principally due to the increase in population and the intensive X-ray program which brought about the discovery and reporting of many more cases. These newly discovered cases are now under medical supervision.

"The discovery of these cases in their early stages will eventually lead to a decrease in the mortality rate from tuberculosis in our county," concluded Mrs. Peterson.

"THE WEARIN' O' THE GREEN"

Back in Boston, Mass., St. Patrick's Day is called evacuation day because the British troops left the city on the 17th of March 1783. Hisory does not tell us when that particular day first began to be set apart as a popular holiday in old Erin or why it became known as St. Patrick's own Day.

But whatever started it, there can be no doubt about the enthusiasm with which this day of days is celebrated by citizens of Irish blood.

In most of the large cities of America, Irish national societies parade through the streets; a green token is worn in the lapel of every true Irishman, and woe betide the pugnacious individual who dares to sport a bit of orange.

It is said: "The shamrock is worn everywhere in commemoration of the fact that when St. Patrick was preaching the doctrine of the Trinity he made use of this tiny plant bearing three leaves upon one stem as a symbol of the Great Mystery."

For the Irish and the shamrock a cheer and a smile and the top o' the mornin' to ye!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, traveling from Los Angeles to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they will make their home in the future, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kroes of Sun Valley last weekend.

AN EPOCH IN MEDICINE

The announcement that the American Medical Association has decided to foster and promote, in every State of the Union, the proven system of voluntary prepaid health insurance pioneered by California Physicians' Service, marks a notable milestone in medical annals.

Seven years ago, California Physicians' Service launched the first State-wide voluntary prepaid medical care program in America. Its success was so marked that, today, 26 States have similar organizations of doctors and patients, and every indication is that the citizens of remaining States will follow suit.

The American Medical Association has sponsored, under its Council on Medical Service, the Associated Medical Care Plans, Inc. The AMCP will serve as a clearing house among the State programs —each of which is an independent cooperative organization of physicians and laymen—to make all more effective.

A major objective is to assure reciprocity among the services in the various States and bring about uniformity of benefits—so that, for instance, a Californian paying for CPS service would receive the same service if he were to be taken ill or be injured in any other State.

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MRS. JAMES CARMAN PASSED AWAY MONDAY

Mrs. Lola Grubb Carman, age 72 years, gained relief from her four years of invalidism at midnight Monday, March 11th, when she passed to the Great Beyond, leaving behind many loving relatives and friends who will miss her cheerful disposition through all her suffering, never complaining and always planning for a happy and well future. She was lovingly known and called Grandma Carman by everyone. The end came peacefully in the Carman home in Morongo with her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Emeline Scott and Mrs. Valentine McCracken at her bedside.

Mrs. Carman was born in Chicago, Ill., August 19, 1873, and was 72 years, five months old at the time of her death. She came West with her parents, to Cheney, Washington, where she was united in marriage to James E. Carman, November 27, 1895, in Cheney. To this union were born four children, the two daughters mentioned above, and two sons, Clayton, who passed away of pneumonia at the age of 23 in England, while serving in the first world war. The other son, Lester, died in infancy. She had no sisters or brothers. She also leaves ten grand children, including seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Scott; Jack, Dorothy, Evelyn, Dick, Lola Phillip and Patricia, and three children of Mrs. McCracken; Ruth, Charlotte, and David, besides four great grandchildren, Mrs. McCracken and children have made their home with her parents for the past seven years, and during the past four years she has constantly nursed her mother. The family came to Morongo two years ago from Bell, California, and purchased the William McCormick home adjoining the Morongo Market, where they now reside.

Mrs. Carman had always hoped to live long enough to celebrate her Golden Wedding Anniversary. Her wish was granted and on November 27 of last year many of her friends and relatives gathered to make it a gala celebration.

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday in Banning. Rev. Frank Young, a friend of the family officiated. Interment was in Banning cemetery.

The Morongo C. of C. met recently at the Morongo Inn for the purpose of passing their new by-laws under which to operate. The fee for residents becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce was decided on at $2.50 and $10.00 for business members. The membership is growing rapidly and it is hoped that many more in the valley will join who are interested in the welfare of the valley. Mr. D. F. Geil, president, presided at the meeting, with Mr. Bernard Arnold acting as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Sam Hoffman.

The Morongo Social Club members met at the home of Mrs. H. M. Hess, president, Thursday afternoon. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Ballard, Mrs. J. C. Scott acted as Secretary, pro-tem.

The president reported that she had purchased steel posts and a heavy wire fence for the improvement of the park and club grounds. It was voted by the club that Mrs. Hess be reimbursed. Several men in the valley have offered their services in putting in the fence. It is hoped that others will come forward and assist in planting the trees and caring for them. The park needs a dozen cottonwoods and as many or more athols, which are nearby waiting to be moved to our park. A park committee composed of Mrs. Bernard Arnold, chairman, Mrs. Daniel Murphey, Mrs. True Mills and Mrs. Dorothy Ballard, was appointed to take charge of the club grounds to see that it is improved and cared for. J. C. Scott and Mr. Cotney assisted Stanley Woodward when he levelled the plot of land with his bulldozer. Mr. Silk donated a dollar toward the park.

A membership and sick committee was appointed with Mrs. Opal May Bobo as chairman and Mrs. Stella McCullough and Mrs. Valentine McCracken chosen by Mrs. Bobo to assist her.

A "Penny" flower march was initiated to raise funds for flowers for ill members or their immediate families.

Mrs. Murphey gave an interesting report on trees that grow well on the desert. Mrs. Lena J. Harris, an out-of-the valley member was present at the meeting. Miss Alice Lee was a visitor from Los Angeles. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Marion Weir, the first Thursday in April.

Mrs. Sam Hoffman returned to Morongo Saturday from Sioux City, Iowa, her former home. She has sold her home there and shipped a few belongings West. She reported that her trip was not too pleasant inasmuch as she had a light case of pneumonia while there and under the care of her family physician. Mrs. Hoffman accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dillie of Morongo Valley, East three weeks ago, and while there purchased a car. Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Taggert, Sioux City friends, enroute to San Francisco, came back with her. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Antrop, also of Sioux City, were guests at the Hoffman home recently.

Mrs. True Mills and son, Edwin, returned to Morongo valley Friday. from Burdon, Kansas, where Mr. Mills' body was shipped for burial. They were away two weeks and visited many relatives in Kansas. Aileen remained here with her friend, Miss Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood who have charge of the Morongo Lodge Cabins, report that business is very good over the weekends and that the cabins are rented most of the time during the week also. They plan to add a coffee shop in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wood are spending a month at the Lodge visiting Mr. Woods' father and wife. Their daughter, Mrs. Maurice Hamm of Los Angeles spent the weekend with them.

Mrs. Maud Sherman, who suffered a serious heart attack recently is reported some better this week. She is in the Loma Linda Hospital. Her eldest daughter, with her new baby was with Mrs. Sherman for a few days. The other daughter has charge of her guest ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hess had as Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barlow, Newell Barlow and little daughter, Jeanette and Mrs. J. N. Shaver, all of Los Angeles. Also Mrs. Hess' sister, Mrs. Lena Harris of Hailey, Idaho, who has been ill for the past two weeks, but is recovering.

Mrs. Dorothy Ballard and little son, Arthur, returned home from Norwalk where they spent some time visiting Mrs. Ballard's sister and family. They also visited an aunt in Hollywood.

Mrs. Rice, who with her husband, reside in a tent across the road from George Hicks' place is reported improving from a four-year attack of arthritis. She spends much of the time confined to her bed, and the balance in a wheel chair. Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Harris called at her home Sunday with flowers. The days are long and she does enjoy company.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Millington of Uplands, were at their Morongo home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeLand and children, who now reside near Beaumont, were callers in Morongo Sunday.

OLD SEEDS FOR THE GARDEN:

Lettuce, squash, melons, spinach, cabbage, radishes, and turnips—in fact, nearly all types of garden seed except parsnips, onions, and sweet corn—will be good the second year and even the third and fourth year, according to the Agricultural Extension Service.

Even the onions and sweet corn will frequently give satisfactory results the second year if seed is sown twice as thick as usual. In fact, he adds, all seed will germinate somewhat poorer as it gets older, and suggests that a little more be put in the ground than would be used with new seed.

It is not advisable to plant seed which you have saved from your own garden. Most kinds will be cross-polinated between varieties or between the vegetable plants and some wild related form, and the results will be unsatisfactory.

Emmanuel Capp returned to L. A. Monday after a short visit with Dr. Anne Stewart, a friend of many years standing.

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By DOLORES WILSON

One of the novels in the rental library here and which recently made headlines among best sellers, is Elizabeth Goudge's "Green Dolphin Street."

Actually, the plot involved in this book is no more than the age-old conflict between two women for the love of one man. Nor is the way the situation handled so different. One of the girls, Marianne Le Patourel, finally marries the poor fellow and her sister Marguerite goes off to a convent. In reality it should have been the other way around. For, Marguerite is the one that Willam Ozanne loved. But by a mere slip of the pen in a letter to the girls' father, he asked for the hand of her sister in marriage,—and was completely stupefied when Marianne arrived to be his bride. Here he was in a new country, facing the struggles and hardships of pioneer life, with a woman, whom, at best, he did not like. However, William was possessed of a wonderful kindness, and Marianne an iron determination. So, the turn of events and the life they had together was more, or less, expected. Nevertheless it makes interesting reading.

The outstanding qualities of "Green Dolphin Street' are not in obvious things, but rather in the philosophy underlying the whole story, and in the subtle comparison of the different types of characters brought together.

It can safely be said that the book, as a whole, definitely leaves a "nice taste in your mouth."

Yucca Valley

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Benton are vacationing at Yucca Valley. Mr. Benton is with the Southern Pacific Railway in Long Beach and has brought his trailer out and parked it on his property adjoining his brother's Zephyr Lodge.

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Personal

Mrs. Norma Peppin, Mrs. Lillian Patton and Allen Safer, all of Los Angeles, came out last weekend with Steve Moninger to look over business prospects here. The two ladies have been traveling all over the state and they have said they considered Joshua Tree the best place they had seen so far.

Jessie Hamilton and Sadye A. Warnock of Los Angeles were recent Joshua Tree visitors.

Flying News From 'K' Field

Vernon McCarter, I. R. McCarter and Waldo Jones enjoyed three days soaring in this area. They trailered their Schweizer Sailplane from Fresno where I. R. McCarter operates a fig ranch. Vernon McCarter was a former glider instructor at the Twentynine Palms Air Academy.

Visitors this week were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson from Ontario, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Laine from Pasadena. Bill Beedy flew in for the weekend with his Fairchild PT-19 and remained over Monday because of the unusually high wind.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hartzell and Ellwood Hartzell from Twentynine Palms were out Sunday and enjoyed a flight in the cub.

Two more local pilots have tried their solo wings and did very well, Dick Mayo and Dick Sullivan. Ralph King and Pat Wiser are nearin gthe goal.

Pat Wiser and a group of friends were over to enjoy flying Ray Wallings Fairchild PT-19.

Yucca Valley has a very nice air field started. It is approximately one half mile southwest of the schoolhouse along the highway.

Forrest Wilson, son of Mrs. Mae Hibbard, has a birthday coming along soon and plans to celebrate at his new home in Hidden Valley.

Aunt May Hibbard has been entertaining her two sisters from Indiana. One sister, Mrs. Lenora Day, formerly owned and managed an apartment house in Los Angeles but sold out in order to go East to be with her aged mother who passed away last year. Mrs. Day is contemplating returning to the West Coast.

Mrs. Pearl Bratton, the other sister, spent a few days with Mrs. Hibbard on her way to visit other friends. She expects to return to Joshua Tree for a longer visit before going back to Indiana. Mrs. Bratton's husband is one of the firm of Bratton Brothers, well known morticians in Lebanon, Indiana. She is also a mortician.

Jack Lewis, one of the surveyors that comes out every weekend entertained guests from Los Angeles. They all had dinner on the patio at Rockhaven.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Petersen entertained Mrs. Petersen's sister, Gwen Delano, for several days last week. Miss Delano is on several radio dramatic programs where she takes character parts. She would like to have stayed for some time but was forced to return to Los Angeles on account of her radio work. She has been on Lux, Aunt Mary's and other well-known programs.

What is that on Steve Moninger's upper lip? Some think he painted it with mascara while others are sure a real moustache is sprouting which will be ready for waxing in a few days.

Miss Mary Selby and Miss Rae Morrison who are associated with the Automobile Club of Southern California were out last weekend. On Sunday Miss Joe Jackson had a dinner out on her porch for her two guests together with her sister, Mrs. Heardman and her niece and nephew, Jack and Mildred Crane. The weaher man was very kind and it was an ideal day for eating out of doors.

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Coming EVENTS

This afternoon:
1:30 P. M. Joshua Tree Women's Club at Club House.

Every Tuesday night:
Technocracy class 7:30 p.m. Joshua Tree Club House.

First Tuesday of each month 8 p.m. Yucca Valley Post 468 American Legion at Legion Hall, Yucca Valley.

First Wednesday each month Yucca Valley Womans Club

First Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Board meeting of Joshua Tree Women's Club. Watch bulletin board for meeting place.

Second Saturday of each month 8 p.m. Chamber of Commerce meeting. Board meeting 7 p.m. same night. Watch bulletin board for place of meetings.

Third Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Joshua Tree Women's Club meeting at Club House, Joshua Tree.

Every Saturday night, dance at Yucca Valley School House, sponsored by Yucca Valley Women's Club.

CHURCH SERVICE

The sermon topic for Sunday, March 17, service of Joshua Chapel will be "Pure Religion," taken from James 1:27.

Rev. Fagaly will officiate.

The time: 4 p.m.

The Place: Joshua Tree Club House.

Fern Lamb and Alex Kominskie were weekend guests of the Lloyd Wisers.

PAT AND ST. PATRICK CELEBRATE SAME DAY

(See why he was called Pat?)

Pat Wiser has a birthday next Sunday, but inasmuch as he may be out of town the celebrating began last weekend.

Doria Mae Bobo surprised Pat with a party at her home last Saturday night. There were eighteen guests and Pat reports that it was "Some Party" and a "Big Surprise." Among the guests were Donna Tower, Wayne Blanton, Bill Blanton, Fred McPhearson, Art Loyer, Maybelle Royal, Ilene Mills Haverstock, Diana Martin, Roy Martin, Bob Johnson, Kenny Weston, Beverly Moninger and Thena Bobo.

Pat's mother and father presented him with one of the new fountain pens which is guaranteed to write without refilling for about three years.

W. P. GILES SURVEYS GREGORY PROPERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gregory of Los Angeles were out over the weekend making arrangements with W. P. Giles to have their property surveyed. Mr. Giles is with the firm of Seigel and Raub here. The Gregorys own 160 acres adjoining the Townsite property and are planning on selling part of their holdings and building on the remainder.

Mrs. Gregory has charge of the First Aid station in one of the Telephone offices in Los Angeles. Mr. Gregory has worked in the main branch of the Los Angeles Post Office for many years. It is their plan to use the desert home for vacations until Mr. Gregory retires after which they will make their home here.

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